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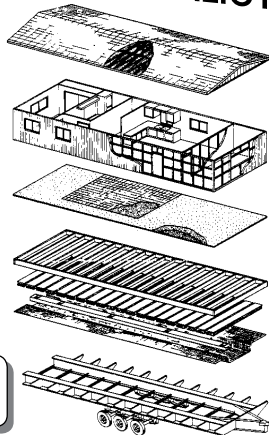


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Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Approximately one in every 700 babies in the United States is born with Down syndrome, making it the most common chromosomal condition. During October you can celebrate people with Down syndrome and make others aware of their abilities and accomplishments.

National Cyber Security Awareness Month. The internet touches almost all aspects of our daily life. National Cyber Security Awareness Month is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives to raise awareness about the importance of cyber security, provide them with tools and resources needed to stay safe online, and increase the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident.

National Protect Your Hearing Month. Hearing loss is a growing health issue among young adults and older Americans alike. Forty-eight million people nationwide suffer from hearing loss. National Protect Your Hearing Month is an important reminder to take steps to preserve your hearing health.

Mental Illness Awareness Week, Oct. 1-7. During Mental Illness Awareness Week, join the National Alliance on Mental Illness in shining a light on mental illness and replacing stigma with hope.

World Space Week, Oct. 4-10. More than 2,700 events in 86 countries celebrated the benefits of space and excitement about space exploration in 2016. This year's theme, "Exploring New Worlds In Space," aims to inspire even more events around the world.



National Business Women's Week, Oct. 15-21. The purpose of this observance is "to recognize women who have been the cornerstone of working in business in the United States in the past and to examine how far women in business have come."

International Music Day, Oct. 1. Initiated in 1975 to encourage the promotion of musical art among all sections of society.

World Teacher's Day, Oct. 5. Celebrate the hardworking teachers who educate our children.

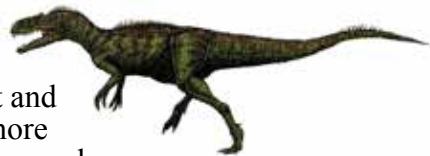
Columbus Day, Oct 9. In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue . . .



Dinosaurs may have been big softies

The popular image of dinosaurs is one of tough, ferocious creatures, but they may have been more sensitive than previously thought—at least their faces.

According to the Science News website, paleontologists at the University of Southampton used advanced X-ray and 3-D imaging to examine the skull of a large carnivorous land-based dinosaur found on the Isle of Wight and found that its snout may have actually been very tender—more like that of an aquatic creature. The dinosaur, a Neovenator, may have possessed pressure receptors in the skin of its snout, similar to those enabling crocodiles to forage in murky water.



Because scientists don't believe the Neovenator was a water feeder, they speculate the receptors may have been useful for picking meat from bones while eating and also stroking other dinosaur faces during mating.

What caused a massive extinction of sea life?

Most people know about the mass extinction of the dinosaurs millions of years ago, but paleontologists are hot the trail of another catastrophic event: the dying off by large marine animals 2-3 million years ago.

The extinction claimed the lives of up to one-third of marine megafauna, including water-based mammals, which lost 55 percent of their species. Forty-three percent of sea turtle species also died off, along with 33 percent of sea birds and 9 percent of sharks.

A team at the University of Zurich studying the event theorizes that a sudden loss of the productive coastal habitats combined with altered sea currents caused or contributed to the extinctions. The evidence suggests that large marine animals were more vulnerable to environmental changes than was previously believed.

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Find your creative style

Whatever you want to achieve on the job or in your life, you need creativity to do it. That doesn't mean you have to have the scientific genius of Einstein or the artistic vision of Georgia O'Keeffe. You can unleash your creative mind by finding your own creative style. Here's how entrepreneurial expert Esther de Charon de Saint Germain describes styles on The Huffington Post website:

- **Watchmakers.** Some people are highly structured and detail oriented. They like to polish their ideas until they're as close to perfect as possible.
- **Wave makers.** These folks are more intuitive. They don't dive into details, but think in big-picture concepts. They're apt to lose interest, though, once the hard work of hammering down their ideas starts.
- **Acrobats.** These thinkers can go both ways. They think outside of the box, but they're also able to hone their ideas into something practical. Try to be this kind of creator.

Improve your brain with these tips

Do you want to think more clearly, experience more insight, and have more creative breakthroughs? Take a look at a few tasks (from the Inc. website) that you can put into practice today for a more productive and imaginative brain:

- Seek out new environments. Don't stay in your rut. Go to a concert by a band you've never heard of. Visit a museum you've never been to. Travel somewhere completely new. You'll shake up your mind and nudge it in new directions.
- Let your mind wander. Don't focus all the time. Give your mind permission to soar from time to time, just exploring anything that pops in. A relaxed mind is more open to new ideas and different ways of thinking.
- Have more fun. All work and no play makes ... well, you know the rest. Take time for fun. Play a new game, take up a fresh hobby, meet new people who share your interests and can introduce you to new ones. Playfulness can lead to great ideas.
- Stop multi-tasking. When you're working on a problem or an idea, put away all distractions and focus. If you're constantly shifting from one task to another, your brain will get tired, and you won't have the perspective you need to zero in on what you're looking for.





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5. A solitary person
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19. Novice
20. Away from the wind
21. Artist's workstand
22. A small mallet
23. Core
25. Give a speech
27. A pig's home
28. Abstruse
31. Keyboard instrument
34. The outer layer of the Earth
35. 180° from NNW
36. Doing nothing
37. Ancient
38. Lacking hair
39. Orange pekoe or Earl Grey
40. Detect
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42. A deliberate act of destruction
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52. Unsophisticated
54. Animal doctor
55. Memo
56. Cutlery
58. Is indebted to
59. Cowboy movie
60. Border
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63. Ale or lager



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4. Former French coin
5. Inheritance
6. Overweight
7. Not a single one
8. A pen or cage
9. Deli loaf
10. Change genetically
11. Worldwide
12. King
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26. Reflecting optimism
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29. Part of an archipelago
30. Let go
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32. Brainstorm
33. Smooth and white
34. Friendly
37. Warmth
38. Red vegetable
40. Remain
41. Hoarder
43. Haunt
44. Paramours
46. Homes for bees
47. Avoid
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49. Drive
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51. Corn Belt state
53. Countertenor
56. Saturate, in dialect
57. What a spider makes



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Three activities to ward off Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's disease may not have a cure, but experts believe some practices can help delay memory loss. Here's what you can do:

- **Cognitive training.** Crossword puzzles and other games can help, but try some different techniques. Do simple arithmetic in your head instead of relying on a calculator. Develop a new method for remembering what's on your shopping list. Train your brain to remember things in new ways and you'll keep it sharper.
- **Control your blood pressure.** Reducing high blood pressure with medication and weight loss not only cuts your risk of heart disease, but it can also ease stress on the delicate blood vessels in your brain— stress that can exacerbate memory loss and dementia.
- **Exercise.** Moderate aerobic exercise has many health benefits, including heading off symptoms associated with Alzheimer's. Try exercising for 30 minutes five days a week, or 50 minutes three times a week. You'll feel better and extend your cognitive health.

Scientists search for life on the toughest planets

We think of life as viable only on planets orbiting stars like our sun, but scientists now speculate that it could evolve on worlds circling very different types of stars.

Stars called M dwarfs are the most common stars in our galaxy. Their harsh flares and gravitational grip on their innermost planets could interfere with the formation of liquid water, which is necessary for life. However, astronomers have spotted approximately 200 planets circling M dwarfs, and dozens are in the so-called habitable zone where liquid water could exist and temperatures aren't too extreme for the development of life.



Scientists are studying these strange new worlds in hopes of detecting conditions that might lead to life—although it will probably be very different from any life found on Earth.

Lost and found: Seeking owner of ancient sword

Scientists are trying to determine the identity of the owner of a 14th-century sword found in a bog in Poland. The four-foot-long sword, which according to the Fox News website is remarkably well preserved, was discovered by a worker using an excavator to drain a peat bog. The worker donated his find to a local museum.

Museum officials speculate that the sword was lost by a medieval knight, or that perhaps the knight perished in the bog. Researchers are examining an engraving on the sword's hilt that may identify the knight or his family. Meanwhile, archeologists are searching the bog for other artifacts.



A new trend: Traveling in search of good food

Traveling to see the wonders of world is always popular, but these days more and more people are heading out to try exotic foods. A survey by the American Automobile Association found that 22 million Americans are planning to take a food-based vacation in the next 12 months, and 75 percent of Americans say that food and drink are an important part of their travel experiences. Four out of five say they've traveled to visit wineries and distilleries, along with taking hands-on cooking classes and eating with local families.



Younger travelers are leading the trend: Eighty-eight percent of millennials say they've participated in food-related activities while traveling

Credit card debt growing in the U.S.

Americans added \$89.4 billion to their credit card debt in 2016, according to the WalletHub website, and although they repaid \$31.5 billion during the first quarter of 2017, that's still 9 percent less than they did during the first quarter of 2015 (but 14 percent higher than in 2016).

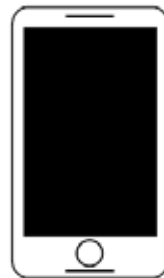


People tend to pay down credit card debt early in the year thanks to year-end bonuses and New Year's resolutions. WalletHub projects that Americans will finish 2017 with more than \$60 billion in new credit card debt, for a total of more than \$1 trillion overall.

Men, women, and smartphones

Here's more evidence that we're addicted to our smartphones: A survey from Decluttr.com revealed the following factoids:

- Men are four times more likely than women to use their smartphones during a wedding.
- Sixty-seven percent of men check out their devices during a romantic evening, but only 13 percent of women do.
- Twice as many women than men would rather give up sex than give up their phone.
- Smartphone owners look at their phones more when they're with friends than with their family, but men do so more than women on either occasion.
- Eighty-three of men say the worst part about not having their smartphone with them is not being able to watch videos or stream movies and TV shows, although just 17 percent of women say the same.



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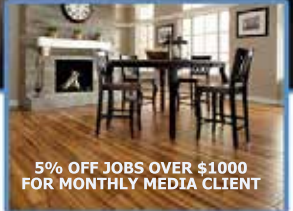
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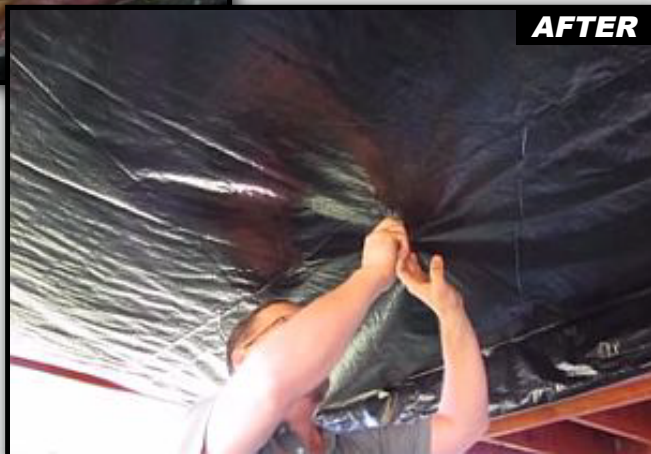
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When you're getting too big for your britches

Theodore Roosevelt was very good friends with William Beebe, the naturalist. Many nights, Roosevelt and Beebe would go outside and look up at the stars in the sky searching for a tiny patch of light near the constellation of Pegasus.

According to *The Little, Brown Book of Anecdotes*, edited by Clifton Fadiman (Little, Brown), when they found the constellation, the two men would chant: "That is the spiral galaxy in Andromeda. It is as large as our Milky Way. It is one of a hundred million galaxies. It consists of one hundred billion suns, each larger than our sun."

Then, Roosevelt would turn to his friend and say: "Now I think we are small enough. Let's go to bed."



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- **Get ample sleep.** Give yourself enough time for a good night's sleep so you don't hit the snooze button every morning. Maintaining a consistent sleep schedule will help you get the rest you need.
- **Eat a good breakfast.** Your body needs fuel after a good night's sleep. A healthy breakfast will give you the energy you need to start your day off right.
- **Stay hydrated.** Drink plenty of water so your body can function properly. Add a slice of lemon or cucumber for some flavor.
- **Meditate.** Spend a few quiet moments every day letting your mind relax without directing it anywhere. You'll feel calmer and more creative overall.
- **Exercise.** Keeping your body in good shape will help you deal with stress more effectively.

Ensure success on your next big project

You've been put in charge of a major project at work, and you know that many potential pitfalls stand between you and its success. If you can anticipate them, you'll be better able to get the job done—and show people that you can be trusted with responsibility and authority. Here's what to do:

• Get real support from the top. For every major project, some people and departments will be reluctant to share information or change how they do things. Before you get started, make sure upper management is behind you. If you sense that they're not really committed to the project, slow down and find out what kind of initiative they would be more enthusiastic about.

• Decide on details up front. You'll bog down quickly if you're constantly changing the specs of a project. People won't act with urgency if they don't know exactly what they're trying to do, and how. Your input from stakeholders will help you define the project's requirements.

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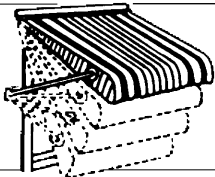
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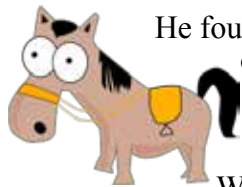
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He found a second farmer, who said he'd charge him \$15, plus the manure. The owner started looking for a third deal.

He came across a farmer who offered him \$5. "What a deal," he thought. Then he thought about it for a second and asked, "Wait a minute. Why didn't you ask for the manure, too?"

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Questions can expand your perceptions

One of the world's most famous paintings is "The Night Watch," by Rembrandt. When curators hung it in Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum, they conducted an experiment: They asked museum visitors to write down questions they had about the painting. The questions they received were varied: How much did the painting cost? Had it ever been forged? Are there any mistakes in the painting? Why did Rembrandt choose this subject to paint? Who were the people in the painting?



The curators then posted the questions, and the answers, in a room next to the gallery where the painting hung. Visitors had to walk through that room to view the painting.

Curators found to their surprise that the average length of time visitors spent looking at the painting jumped from about six minutes to half an hour.

Art lovers walked back and forth, reading questions and examining the painting. They told museum officials that reading the questions encouraged them to look closer and longer and to remember more details.

How to spot ADHD

Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder is an increasingly common and somewhat perplexing behavior problem. How do you know whether your child has ADHD or is simply going through a rough stage? Here are some clues and what your pediatrician should do:

Symptoms:

- Inattention. Your child seems not to listen often, makes careless mistakes, and fails to give attention to details; fails to follow through on directions; is forgetful in daily activities; and avoids or dislikes tasks that require sustained mental effort, such as homework.
- Hyperactive. Your child fidgets often, gets up from the seat in the classroom when he or she should be sitting down, and talks excessively.
- Impulsive. Your child often has difficulty waiting for his turn and butts into conversations or games.

What your pediatrician should look for:

- The symptoms should be present in at least two settings, like home and school, and should have persisted for at least six months.
- Doctors should look for the specific symptoms outlined by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Psychiatric Association.
- Doctors should talk extensively with both parents and teachers.
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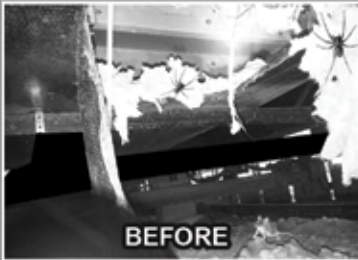
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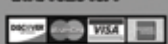


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Thoughts to ponder

Thoughts and observations that might or might not be true:

- Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- I asked God for a bike, but it turns out God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked God for forgiveness.
- We never really grow up. We only learn how to act in public.
- A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station ...
- I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted a paycheck.
- Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, "In case of emergency, notify _____," I put "DOCTOR."
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You do need a parachute to skydive twice.
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- I always take life with a grain of salt. Then a slice of lemon and a shot of tequila.
- When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the fire department usually uses water.

Two busy parents

Billy ran into the house shouting, "Mom! Mom! Come quick! I just knocked the ladder over outside!"

"I'm very, very busy," his mother said. "Why don't you get your father?"

"I can't! Come on!"

"What's he doing now that's so important?"

"He's hanging from the roof!"



Man of the house

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